

NEW BOOKS.

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must presume that he intended, as, indeed, the third resolution shows, to base his plea for Canadian ex-emption on the denial of the franchise to the Uitlanders.

Now, as regards these resolutions, Mr. Goldwin Smith tells his fellow countrymen that their framers must have known that the existence of England's alleged suzerainty over the Transvaal was denied by independent jurists; that "even a Conservative ex-Solicitor-General (Sir Edward Clarke) had pronounced its assertion a breach of faith, and that the Government of the Transvaal had tendered fair arbitration, which the British Government had refused." The framers of the resolution must have known at all events, that the Transvaal had been formally and repeatedly designated by Great Britain as a "foreign state," and that "complete self-government" had been guaranteed to it. By what right, then, did they assume that "Her Majesty's subjects" could justly claim participation in the Transvaal Government? "What should we Canadians say," asks Mr. Goldwin Smith, "if the United States Government were to claim for its citizens now pouring into British Columbia and the Canadian Northwest, participation in the Canadian Government?"

These resolutions never underwent searching analysis and cool discussion when they were submitted in the Ottawa House of Commons; on the contrary, the one member, Mr. Bourassa, who rose to protest against them, was howled down. The despatch of Canadian contingents to the seat of war promptly followed, and they were not

only against the Boer citizens of independent republics, but against Afrikaner rebels in one of Canada's sister colonies. Having established this perilous precedent, French Canadians will have no ground for complaint should hereafter colonial troops be summoned from South Africa and Australia to put down an insurrection in the province of Quebec.

Science and the Miraculous Shroud.

The relic known as the shroud of Christ, preserved at Turin and exhibited only at rare intervals, was not only shown but photographed at the time of the Turin exhibition in 1898. The result was a scientific examination of the marks on the shroud, which are believed to be a miraculous preservation of the features, the outline of the body and the marks of the wounds of our Saviour. The outcome of the examination was very remarkable, inasmuch as the photograph brought out the marks and lineaments much more distinctly than they appeared on the shroud itself. A full account of the investigation, accompanied by explanatory photographs and pictures, has been written by Paul Vignon, Docteur des Sciences, and is published in translation as "The Shroud of Christ," by E. P. Dutton & Co.

Of Dr. Vignon's scientific demonstration that the marks on the shroud are the actual impression of a body that was laid in it, it is safe to say that it seems satisfactory and is far more plausible than any theory of fraud during the Middle Ages. He gives, too, a connected history of the shroud from the time of its first appearance in Europe.

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